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Memorial Restoration Committee est. Oct. 12, 2014

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Arizona Department of Administration
Mr. Andy Tobin, Director
100 N. 15th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Tobin,

As the representatives of the current Arizona, United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapters and the Monument Restoration committee, we would like to request that the State of Arizona ADOA return the gifted Memorial to the Arizona Confederate Troops 1861-1865 located in the Wesley Bolin Plaza and the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway marker along AZ Highway 60 in Gold Canyon.

These monuments were gifted to the State and are now in need of repair but due to the current political climate, we believe it unwise to repair them where they are located. We believe it would be in the best interest of the State to re-gift the monuments back to our three Chapters and the elected Monument Restoration Committee (formed to assist the AZ UDC with historical preservation).

Our membership would request your releasing the monuments to the elected Chairman of the Monument Restoration Committee, Mr. Silas Griffin, so we can move the monuments to a safe and secure location and all of the parties described above would then, in turn, release the State of Arizona of any liability either monetary or physically, associated with these monuments at the moment the monuments are removed from State property.

It is the wish of the Arizona members of the UDC and the Monument Restoration Committee that the State facilitate this re-gifting as swiftly as possible to avoid any further damage, vandalism or complete destruction.

This letter will also serve as our notice, that we, the above-mentioned parties will move the monuments at the expense of the Monument Restoration Committee and will not ask for nor accept, any Arizona State funds or assistance in this relocation process.

We thank you for your time and immediate attention to this urgent request.

Dixie Chapter President, Mrs. Sandra Oxedine



Thunderbird Chapter President, Ms. Nadine Arney



Monument Restoration Committee Chairman, Mr. Silas Griffin

